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TOPIC Soviet Troops in St. Poelten, Rainer Oehling and Amstetten

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St. Poelten.

1. On 26 July 1951, the hitherto unoccupied wooden barracks buildings of Camp Spratzern near St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) were reconditioned; new frames were installed in the windows and the roofs were covered with new roofing paper. The roads in the camp were also being repaired. All work was done by civilian laborers. Truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, was parked in front of the camp; and truck driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets entered the camp. * 50X1-HUM
2. No activity was observed at the loading ramp of the St. Poelten railroad station. Only motor vehicle , driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, was parked there. A junior lieutenant seen in front of the railroad station wore red-bordered black epaulets, a stand-up collar of black velvet, and a rectangular badge of black velvet, bearing a golden winged-wheel emblem on his left upper sleeve. 50X1-HUM
3. A convoy of trucks led by small truck hauled about 180 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, into the Rainer Kaserne. The trucks had come from the direction of Viehofen (O 49/W 83), where they subsequently returned. 50X1-HUM
4. No activity was observed in the yard of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. Sixteen trucks were seen in the garages between the Prinz Eugen Kaserne and the Rainer Kaserne.
5. Motor vehicles seen entering or leaving the Franz Josef Kaserne passenger car and trucks left toward Melk (O 49/W 68), loaded with potatoes. All the vehicles were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. 50X1-HUM

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Mauer Oehling.

6. On 25 July 1951, troops in the former provincial insane asylum in Mauer Oehling (O 49/W 26) were drilling with AT guns of about 50 mm. A total of 37 trucks were seen at the installation. On the target range about 70 soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets practiced firing at silhouette targets with heavy Maxim machine guns. Motor vehicles

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_____ were driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. _____

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Amstetten.

5. On 25 July, numerous officers and medical personnel entered and left the hospital in Amstetten. (O 49/W 27).

* Comment. Camp Spratzern is believed to quarter the 150th Tank Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, in addition to other units. The information does not indicate whether the regiment was at the camp on 26 July 1951.

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